

Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP)  
Outcome Monitoring Program (OMP) Implementation Workgroup (IWG) Meeting  
SUMMARY  
Wednesday, March 11, 2005  
1 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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Participants

ADP Staff:

Paul Brower  
Larry Carr  
Sue Cote  
Michael Cunningham  
Carmen Delgado  
George Lembi  
Marjorie McKisson  
Jon Meltzer  
Rachelle Repace  
Deborah Simpson  
Edith Thacher  
Alice Van Ommeren

External Participants:

Adrienne Buckle  
Lilly Alvarez  
Tom Avey  
Bill Crane  
Gino Giannavola  
Jason Kletter  
Connie Moreno-Peraza  
Ken Nyberg  
Bob Saltz  
Jim Sorg  
Sandra Stretch  
Wayne Sugita  
David Wong

**1. Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review – Michael Cunningham**

Michael opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for participating. Michael reviewed the agenda with the members.

**2. Treatment Sub Work Group Update – Jim Sorg**

Jim Sorg provided an update from the February 16, 2005 Treatment Sub Work Group conference call. During the conference call three updates were provided: 1) the sub work group concurred with the ADP's proposed county compliance implementation policy; 2) county assistance with CalOMS implementation services; and 3) removal of T3 from the scope of Phase 1 of CalOMS. In addition, there was discussion about NTP data collection for CalOMS, a regular meeting date was established (third Wednesday of every month from 9 – 11 AM).

Carmen Delgado briefly discussed some of the rationale behind the decision to remove T3 from the scope of CalOMS Phase 1. The decision to remove T3 was due to the potential cost and the economic conditions of the state (county level reductions in allocations and state-level federal funding reductions). While ADP has looked at collecting "sustainable outcomes" at T3, it has been difficult to get accurate costs for this service. A wide range of cost estimates preclude doing T3 in Phase 1 due to cuts in federal funds that are being absorbed by the State.

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Further, new studies indicate that an “initial outcome” collected at T2 will provide important data and the proposed National Outcomes Measures only require data collected at T1 and T2. Kern, Los Angeles, and other counties plan to go forward with a T3 collection independent of ADP.

ADP hopes to learn from the experiences of those counties implementing T3, and gain information about actual costs of conducting T3. Workgroup members’ response was that postponing T3 was realistic though disappointing given the recent budget cuts. ADP will keep T3 on its radar; look for alternatives ways to conduct a T3, until such time as funds are available in the future.

**3. County Implementation Assistance for CalOMS – Edith Thacher**

Edith Thacher introduced herself as a new member of the County Implementation Assistance Services Team at ADP. Edith stated her goals for assisting counties with CalOMS implementation, which include: helping counties and direct providers as needed/requested; developing an implementation tool, which will be provided to the IWG once complete for their review and input prior to release statewide; identifying county barriers to implementation and assisting counties/direct providers get around them; and sharing other counties’, who have implemented CalOMS or who are near completion, experiences with counties having difficulty.

**4. Project Update – Marjorie McKisson**

Marjorie provided an update to the IWG on the following:

**A. National Association of Social Workers (NASW)**

The NASW recently sent a letter to ADP expressing concern about the Unique Client Identifier (UCI) components. In particular they are concerned with the collection of Social Security Number (SSN) information; collection of SSN information is against the NASW’s code of ethics. ADP is currently working on a response to this letter.

**B. Communication**

ADP recently distributed the February CalOMS Update Letter and is working on a March update. These updates consist of information from across the CalOMS project. In addition, ADP plans to have CalOMS related break-out sessions at each of the CADPAAC quarterly meetings to answer questions about CalOMS.

**C. Ongoing CalOMS Work Group Membership**

It was recently requested that ADP increase member participation in the three CalOMS work groups; the Treatment and Prevention Sub Work Groups and the IWG. Further, ADP is looking to expand membership as

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the project is now moving to its implementation phase. ADP is currently looking at ways to accomplish this.

D. Issues and Policy Work Group

This internal ADP work group meets every other Thursday to discuss various issues related to the CalOMS project. Last Thursday, March 10, 2005, members of the Issues and Policy Work Group discussed T2 data collection for NTP clients, matched/unmatched records modifications for CalOMS, and CalOMS Phase 1 success criteria, all of which were presented and discussed later in this meeting.

E. Software Development Contract

ADP is working diligently to move the contract through all the approving bodies to ensure the contract is in place as soon as possible.

**5. New Issues – Marjorie McKisson**

The following issues were presented and discussed:

A. T2 Data Collection for NTP Clients

Marjorie presented the T2 Data Collection for NTP Clients concept paper to the group and reviewed its contents. Many NTP clients remain in NTP for longer than clients in other modalities. ADP is asking NTP to collect T2 information on this population either every 12 months or at discharge, whichever comes first. Drug Medi-Cal rules and regulations require the first annual justification for NTP clients at 24 months, but ADP prefers conducting T2 at 12 months for consistency.

Jason Kletter stated he supports the proposed T2 collection for NTP clients but would like to take it up with other NTP prior to a final decision. There was discussion about issues related to this proposal which include: collecting discharge at 12 months (should that come before discharge) within the client's anniversary month, implications of discharges from NTP vs. other modalities, and the necessity to make a compromise between losing data (due to drop outs prior to 12 months) and data reliability.

Michael Cunningham identified the process for completing the work on this analysis. ADP will first identify and clarify all the issues associated with this proposal and take it to the Treatment Sub Work Group. Once this has occurred, Jason Kletter can then take the proposal to the COMP meeting scheduled for March 21, 2005.

B. Corrections to Matched/Unmatched Records

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Marjorie summarized the concept paper wherein ADP proposes to allow counties and providers to make modifications to matched and unmatched records, as is currently allowed in CADDs, up to December 20 following the close of the fiscal year. The participants on the conference call unanimously agreed ADP should adopt the recommended policy for CalOMS.

C. Definition of Success for CalOMS Phase 1

Marjorie reviewed the list of criteria identified by ADP in the CalOMS success criteria document distributed via email. Some revisions were suggested and ADP will make the recommended changes. In addition, ADP will do further analysis and clarification and bring the document back to the IWG at the next conference call.

**6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 8, 2005 from 1 – 3PM. This meeting will be held via conference call.